



**CORONER'S INQUESTS INTO THE DEATHS OF
DIANA, PRINCESS OF WALES AND MR DODI AL FAYED**

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OPERATIONAL NOTE

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Media Arrangements for Coroner's Court Visit to Paris

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As part of the The Coroner's Inquests into the Deaths of Diana, Princess of Wales and Mr Dodi Al Fayed, the Court will visit Paris, France on Monday & Tuesday 08/09 October 2007.

Media choosing to attend Paris to cover the Coroner's Court visit should be aware that security and operational arrangements for the visit are made with the kind support of the French authorities in Paris and that media will not be permitted to interfere with or disturb the business of the Court.

Whilst visiting Paris, the Court shall be "in session" and ALL media are requested to respect the dignity of the Court in exactly the same way as they would at the Royal Courts in London. Most particularly, we urge you to take every precaution to preserve the integrity of the Jury.

Publication or broadcast of any images showing the identity of any jurors is to be avoided and in the UK it would remain subject to the Contempt of Court Act 1981.

MEDIA POOLS

Within the security operation a small number of media representatives will be given access to the proceedings on a pool basis. For this visit, it has been agreed to form both a writers pool and a camera pool.

The Court visit will take place in three distinct phases:

1. Afternoon Mon 8 Oct – Daytime route visit
2. Evening Mon 8 Oct – Night-time route visit
3. Morning Tue 9 Oct – Further visits, incl. Ritz Hotel

Participation in the media pools is subject to agreement to share all material with all other media on request and to make all reasonable efforts to preserve the integrity of the jury prior to distribution of material.

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Nominated media pool members will rendezvous (RV) in the Place Vendome, Paris at 12.00pm on Mon 08 October. This will be the pool RV point for all phases of the visit.

Pool members will be provided transport with the Court Group from the RV point only. All other arrangements for travel, accommodation and meals, are their own.

Pool members will not be able to enter and exit the cordon as they please. Movement will be controlled at all times. Opportunities to share and feed material will be provided as often as possible.

Media Pool 1 – Writers

In each phase of the visit, this media pool will consist of 6 (six) reporters who will form part of the Court group and will see and hear everything that the Jury sees and hears. The size of this pool is non negotiable, and is set at this number for both management and logistical reasons. This pool will consist:

All Phases:

Press Association	John Bingham (Newsdesk 020 7963 7143)
Agence France Presse	Hugh Schofield (0033 6 08 04 35 05)

Phase One:

Sky News	Sarah Hughes (Jim Old Sat Ops Team 0207 585 4421)
Evening Standard	Paul Cheston (Newsdesk 020 7938 7521))
Associated Press	Angela Doland (Mobile 33 6 07 51 72 65 or AP Paris Bureau +33 (0) 1 43 59 12 01)
French Media Representative	

Phase Two:

ITN	Robert Moore (Sarah Hill ITN Foreign desk 020 7430 4411)
Daily Mail	Paul Harris (Newsdesk 020 7938 6372)
French Media Representative	

Phase Three:

BBC	Nicholas Witchell (Caroline Alton BBC Foreign Desk 020 8576 1173)
Independent	Robert Verkaik (Newsdesk 020 7005 2753)
Associated Press	Angela Doland (Mobile 33 6 07 51 72 65 or AP Paris Bureau +33 (0) 1 43 59 12 01)
French Media Representative	

Those attending this pool must agree to pool all material for use by all others. Correspondents may differ for each phase of the visit, but must remain for the duration of each phase. If nominated correspondents elect to leave the cordon during the phase, they cannot return or be replaced.

This pool will not be permitted to carry cameras (including 3G mobile telephones with integral cameras) or any sound recording device during the visit. Mobile phones may be carried but must be switched off when the Court is “in session”. Laptops may not be carried.

Media Pool 2 – Cameras

This media pool will consist of 10 (ten) camera persons (including VT and stills) who will be afforded the best possible positions from which to record the Court as it conducts its visit.

Members of the jury may only be filmed in such a way that does NOT reveal their identity, but rear shots of the backs of their heads are permissible. Cameras will always be behind the Court group and at a suitable distance and pool members must agree to remove all images identifying the Jury prior to distribution and broadcast.

All those attending this pool must agree to pool all material for use by all others. No live broadcasting or “pieces to camera” will be permitted from this pool. Nominated pool members must remain constant throughout the entire visit.

This pool will be made up of individual camera people only. No producers, sound engineers or correspondents will be permitted. Attendees are recommended to bring tripods, which can be transported in the bus. This pool will not travel in the same vehicle as the Jury and will not be permitted access inside the Ritz Hotel during the visit.

This pool will consist:

Film:

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| a. | BBC | John Landy (See Above) |
| b. | ITN | Daniel Demoustier (See Above) |
| c. | Sky News | Dave Prime (See Above) |
| d. | APTN | Nicolas Garriga (Jeff Schaeffer mobile + 33 6 07780101) |
| e. | NBC | Krystof Galica (NBC Newsdesk 020 8600 6666) |
| f. | French broadcasters rep | |

Photography:

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| g. | PA | Cathal McNaughton (Matt Morton 020 7963 7155) |
| h. | AFP | Thomas Coex (0033 6 07 70 00 42) |
| i. | Daily Telegraph | Stephen Lock (Telegraph Picture Desk) |
| j. | The Sun | Arthur Edwards (Sun Picture Desk) |

THE CORDON

Please see accompanying map for the areas where camera intrusion will not be tolerated while the Court group is on the ground and “in session”.

Media activity within the police cordon will be confined to a small pool and will be strictly controlled by Court staff press officers. The media pool will follow the Court group, at an appropriate distance, throughout each session and will be able to see and hear everything which the Jury sees and hears.

THE VISIT

Phase One – Mon, 8 October 2007

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| 1200hrs | Meet at Place Vendome |
| 1400hrs | Court assembles and session begins |
| 1400 – 1830hrs | Court “in session” - visits Place Vendome, Place de la Concorde, Place de L’Alma |
| c. 1830hrs | Court rises and disperses from Place De L’Alma for Supper break |

Phase Two – Mon, 8 October 2007

2130hrs	Meet at Place Vendome
2200hrs	Court assembles and session begins
2200 – 2330hrs	Court “in session” - travels route from Ritz to Place de L’Alma and then the route to Pitie Salpetiere Hospital
c. 2345hrs	Court rises and disperses from the Hospital

Phase Three – Tue, 9 October 2007

1000hrs	Meet at Place Vendome
1030hrs	Court assembles and session begins
1030 – 1330hrs	Court “in session” - visits Ritz Hotel and other routes
1330hrs	Court rises and disperses from Place Vendome

(See below for guidance on what may be reported of this itinerary in advance.)

Notes on Reporting

The Court shall be deemed “in session”:

- i) From the moment the Court group comes together in Place Vendome at the start of each phase and until the Coroner instructs the Court group to disperse at the end of each phase.
- ii) Throughout all bus journeys undertaken by the Court group as a whole.

Reporting in advance of the visit is restricted to that which has been said in open court in front of the Jury. See transcripts on the website for guidance.

During and after the visit:

- Only the named members of the media pool as organised by the Court press officer are permitted within the police cordon alongside the Court “in session” during the visit. All other media are requested to remain at a discreet distance and to avoid any interference or disturbance of the Court.
- Members of the Jury may not be identifiable by any film or photographs taken or published/broadcast.
- Only factual reporting of what the Jury did and saw and the words spoken by the Coroner and Counsel is permitted.
- To preserve the security of the Jury, we will not be disclosing the venue of their overnight accommodation. If discovered, the Coroner has requested that the media do not disclose it either. Media are also requested not to attempt to follow the bus after the Court has dispersed at the end of each session.

For any queries, please contact Richard on 020 7073 1709 or 07714 756215
Further details on the Inquests can be found on the website – www.scottbaker-inquests.gov.uk

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